



SEMINOLE COUNTY TRAILS AND GREENWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE January 22, 2004 Minutes

Members in attendance:

Wiley Dykes
Mike Martin
Tony Tizzio
Roger Cooper
Pat Burkett
Cindy Gennell
Andrea Holman
Wally Hill

Staff in attendance:

Mark Lichtenheld
Cindy Matheny
Jeff Hayes
Heidi Terry

Vice-Chairman Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the October minutes,

Ms. Matheny asked to move her item (New Business – Grant Funding Opportunities) because she had an emergency arise and had to leave early.

She stated that Seminole County would like to apply for a federal grant for construction of a stretch of trail between the end of the Sanford Riverwalk to the Lake Monroe Wayside Park. One of the requirements for this grant is that it needs to be brought before the Advisory Board and discussed among the members. Ms. Gennell asked where the Sanford Riverwalk ended and Ms. Matheny responded that the Riverwalk ended at C.R. 415 and that the county would pick up construction at that point and carry it to Wayside Park. Ms. Gennell and Mr. Martin agreed that a loop into the Central Florida Zoo area would be beneficial. Ms. Matheny responded that a connection to the zoo was planned along with a trailhead. After Ms. Matheny explained that the grant would cover \$100,000, the non-motorized limit, and that the grant application would be

sent to the Office of Greenways and Trails in Tallahassee, the committee indicated their consensus for pursuing the grant application for the Riverwalk extension to Wayside Park.

Related Reports:

BPAC – Mr. Lichtenheld had no report.

Natural Lands – Ms. Burkett reported that the Lansing property was no longer available for purchase to Seminole County because it has been sold. Mr. Lichtenheld added that the new owner had indicated he would work with the county regarding the trail going through the property and that he planned on opening a nursery there. Ms Burkett also reported that some of the money used for the Jetta Point purchase had been reimbursed to the county. Ms. Burkett said that the School Board is having some problems purchasing land at the moment due to a shortage of qualified properties up for sale. Mr. Lichtenheld and Ms. Burkett reminded the committee members that the 2nd Annual Air Potato Raid was to be held on Saturday, January 24, 2004 at the Spring Hammock Preserve. Ms. Burkett gave the committee details on the event.

Ms. Holman asked if Ms. Burkett was contacted by members of the Orienteering Club about mapping the Environmental Studies Center area. Ms. Burkett said she was, but volunteers could not be found at this time.

FNST – Mr. Dykes gave a short report about continuing maintenance on the Cross Seminole Trail and asked Mr. Lichtenheld about an update on the construction of the bridge crossing the Econlockhatchee River on the Flagler Trail. Mr. Lichtenheld replied that the county had been struggling with permit and survey issues regarding the St. John's Water Management District. He also added that the problems are close to being solved, the permit should be issued soon. He also mentioned that this project was tied to federal grant money and that Seminole County will apply for an extension.

Mr. Lichtenheld showed committee members pictures of the new fence at Lake Lenelle on the FNST. He mentioned that the county would add signs later to make the trail corridor behind the fence clearer.

Bike Issues – Mr. Lichtenheld reported that he had received a bike safety video, about 30 minutes in length, and offered to loan it to committee members for viewing. He added that he will bring safety handout booklets to the next meeting for distribution to committee members.

DRC – Mr. Lichtenheld reported that there was a minor issue with a light pole that was in the trail right of way in front of the new Wal-Mart on Rinehart Road. The problem had been solved by staff to all parties' satisfaction.

The committee discussed landscaping and beautification efforts in Lake Mary along Rinehart Road and Lake Mary Boulevard to which Seminole County is contributing monetary assistance from the roadway fund, not the trails fund. Mr. Hill added that select businesses along Lake Mary Boulevard were contributing funds also.

Coordination/Planning – No Report

OGT/FDOT – No Report

Design & Construction – Mr. Lichtenheld reported that the county was in the process of negotiating ways to cross S.R. 46 on the Flagler Trail North. Mr. Lichtenheld will update the committee as soon as more information becomes available.

Mr. Lichtenheld updated the committee on the construction of the Cross Seminole Trail. He also reported that the county was currently in the process of designing the connector trail between the Cross Seminole and the Crossing Trails. Ms. Holman asked if the referendum funds would have to be spent within 5 years. Mr. Lichtenheld concurred and added that the referendum monies would subside in 2006.

Ms. Gennell asked to be updated on the progress of the Sanford Riverwalk given that Seminole County was in major monetary contributor.

Mr. Tizzio arrived at 7:50 p.m. to take over the meeting.

Mr. Lichtenheld passed around fact sheet cards manufactured by Orange County that should and the committee agreed that Seminole County should also look into getting such cards made for distribution with facts and maps of Seminole County trails. Mr. Lichtenheld replied that the Engineering Division is only involved with the design and the construction end of the trails, maintenance and promotion will have to be discussed directly with the Parks and Recreation Division.

Old Business:

No report

New Business:

Committee Member Appointments - Mr. Lichtenheld reported that Mr. Fernandez and Mr. Penny chose not to be re-appointed to the committee. He said he had also been notified that Ms. Burkett was not re-appointed. Ms. Burkett countered that she indeed wanted to remain on the board and that she would initiate the necessary steps. Ms. Gennell said she thought the board should try to actively

recruit members from the Sanford and Oviedo areas. Ms. Gennell also said she would try and get a Longwood City staff member to regularly attend the meetings.

Chairman Tizzio asked if there had been any progress on the "Friends of the Trails" program. Mr. Lichtenheld replied that there had been no progress since the last scheduled meeting, but that Mr. Donihi would most likely give an update by the February meeting.

Officer Elections

After establishing that the new officers would take over their positions at the February meeting, Chairman Tizzio thanked the committee and staff for the support he had received throughout the previous year. He also indicated his interest in extending his term, which initiated nominations. Mr. Hill then nominated Mr. Cooper for Chairman, second by Ms. Holman. Mr. Cooper accepted the nomination. Ms. Holman made a motion to close the nomination for chairman, second by Ms. Gennell. Mr. Cooper was voted Chairman unanimously.

Chairman Tizzio opened nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Hill nominated Ms. Gennell, second by Chairman Tizzio. Ms. Gennell accepted the nomination. Chairman Tizzio made a motion to close nominations, second by Ms. Holman. Ms. Gennell was elected Vice-Chairman unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Tizzio at 8:26 p.m.

Next meeting:

**The next meeting will be held on February 26, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at the County Services Building, Room 3024.
(Please check the trails website for updates or changes
www.seminolecountyfl.gov/trails)**